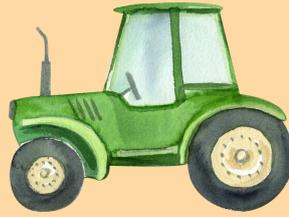


# HOLLY CLASS NEWSLETTER

Autumn term 2025



## What will the children be learning?

- In **Phonics**, the children will be learning new sounds and revisiting ones they've already explored. They'll be practicing and applying these sounds in lots of fun and engaging ways to help build their reading and writing skills
  - In **Literacy**, over the next few weeks, the children will explore writing and picture books. They'll learn about book titles, authors, and blurbs, while practicing key writing skills like using capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces. Later, they'll dive into fairy tales, using describing words (adjectives), naming words (nouns), and joining words (conjunctions). We will also be embedding age appropriate grammar. Spellings will be practiced, applied and woven into all our writing. In Reception, children will begin using their knowledge of letters and sounds to write simple words, their name, and early writing like lists or labels. We complete **Guided reading** daily and will be reading some fun and exciting texts this term.
  - In **Maths**, Reception children will be getting to know each other and exploring maths, through topics like Getting to Know You, Just Like Me, and It's Me 1 2 3. In Year 1 & Year 2 children will be building their maths skills by focusing on place value, addition, subtraction and shape.
  - In **Science** Children will learn about how to stay healthy and safe, including hygiene, exercise, and sleep. They'll also explore how germs spread and how scientists investigate questions. In our habitats topic, children will discover different environments, identify living things, and learn how animals and plants adapt to survive. Reception children will explore the natural world and talk about ways to stay healthy and safe in everyday life.
  - In **History and Geography**, Children will learn about important people from the past and present, such as Rosa Parks and King Henry VIII, and explore what makes someone significant. They'll use timelines, learn time-related vocabulary, and discover how we remember people through memorials. They'll also look at inspiring figures today like Malala Yousafzai, JK Rowling, Greta Thunberg, and Elon Musk.
  - Our **RE** learning is based on the question, why was Jesus given the name saviour? and Why do Jewish families talk about repentance at new year?
  - In **Computing** we will be learning about how to stay safe online and exploring key programs like Purple Mash. They'll also practise using simple coding tools to navigate mazes and begin asking and answering questions using digital tools. Reception children will explore technology through iPads and computers typing, drawing, painting, playing games, and making music. They'll also begin using Bee-Bots to learn basic programming and directions.
  - Our **PE** topics are circuit training and invasion games.
  - In **PSHE** our learning will be based on and being me in my world and celebrating differences.
- In **Art** we will be learning about colour in still life.  
In **DT** we will be creating some remarkable recipes.  
**Music** we will be exploring with untuned instruments Ocarinas

## Welcome Back!

A warm welcome (and welcome back!) to all our families as we begin the Autumn Term 2025.

We're thrilled to have the children back with us and can't wait for the exciting term ahead.

There are lots of wonderful learning experiences, fun events, and adventures planned – it's going to be a busy and joyful time! It's been absolutely lovely to see the children settling back into school life with such enthusiasm.

## Reminders...

- We have a fantastic field that we love to use often, please send your child with an extra pair of shoes or trainers suitable for outdoor use.
- Children need a **named water bottle** every day.
- Please ensure **all clothing is clearly labelled** to help items return to the right child.
- On **Fridays**, children should come to school wearing their **PE kit**.
- Your child brings home **three books**: one matched to their phonics level, a library book, and a reading tree book. These should be brought to school **daily**

## We are here for you...

We operate an open-door policy, if you or your child ever need a chat, we're always happy to talk. You can speak to us at the school gate, arrange a meeting through Mrs Stone in the office, or send us a message via Class Dojo.